

AL OUTPUT IN DISTRICT STILL AT HIGH POINT

Total of 1,136 Cars Loaded Yesterday in District

INE SCHOOL FRIDAY

District Union Officials Leave Today for Conference

Coal loading, exclusive of the M. K. railroad, on Wednesday aggregated 1,136 cars in Northern West Virginia. For some time the loading has been keeping up very well. The fear of a general strike has no doubt been a big factor in stimulating business, although it has affected prices very little.

The increased business which has come into the Fairmont region principally during the past few weeks has been due to steel companies taking more coal and the cement mills buying mine-run coal. The railroads have been buying some additional coal also, but this increase perhaps has not been as noticeable as in the previous lines of industry. Quite a little railroad fuel business has been diverted into the non-union side, the carriers seeking the cheapest fuel to be had.

Tonnage loaded on the various railways yesterday was as follows: M. K. 1,000; Monongahela 197; Charleston 89 cars; Connellsville 10 cars; Cumberland 27 cars; Maryland 52 cars; Belington & Weathers 61 cars; Monongahela and W. V. combined, 388 cars.

Twenty cars of coke were loaded on the Monongahela division, B. & O. yesterday.

Mining School

Fairmont mining school will hold its weekly session at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow at the Fairmont high school. Every effort is being made to hold up the attendance, though there has been much sickness recently among the members, which has cut into attendance figures very keenly. The attendance is expected to be held up to the best in Northern West Virginia as far as average attendance is concerned. On Monday night, Mr. Clark has eleven men present on Tuesday night and Wednesday has ten last night. A good attendance is anticipated at tonight's session.

District Board

When the district board of district 17, United Mine Workers of America, meets in Charleston tomorrow only routine matters are expected to be discussed. This body usually acts on appeal matters before it. It has no powers as to the scale, which was set at Indianapolis, although its members may discuss it among themselves.

This afternoon Nick Allett, president of sub district 1, Robert C. Jenkins, secretary of sub district 4, Frank McCartney, district board member, and J. L. Ballard, national organizer, will leave for Charleston, leaving here on the 4 p. m. inter-urban car.

Making 14 Hour Coke

Fourteen-hour coke is now being turned out at the Fairmont coke plant of the Domestic Coke Corporation. All of the sixty furnaces of the plant are now in blast. The big plant consumes approximately 450 tons of coke a day. The gradual return of the steel industry is causing coke to be in more demand than it has been for many months.

Personal Mention

C. H. Jenkins, secretary and treasurer of the Hutchinson Coal Co., (Continued on Page Four)

LOST OR STRAYED

Large black mule. Property of Francis Coal Co., Worthington. Anyone having any information concerning same, please call on W. W. Leonard, Supt. Worthington.

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Claims She Ousted Chauffeur Husband

ST. LOUIS, March 16.—(By the Associated Press).—Madame Margaret Natanson, grand opera singer in a statement to the Associated Press today, denied a statement of her chauffeur husband, Floyd Glotzbach, that he had deserted her, and emphasized that she "threw him out of my New York apartment January 28."

The Diva asserted there was pending in New York proceedings for absolute divorce on the alleged grounds of infidelity, naming as co-respondent "an old lady of about 50" of Jarnal, Cal., and that papers were served on Glotzbach January 27.

FREIGHT BUSINESS SHOWS INCREASE

Both Railroads and Express Companies Report Improvement

Freight business in Fairmont is on the increase. The B. & O. expects to do 20 per cent more less-than-carload lot freight business than it did here in February, and February was considered a fair month. The merchants have been ordering spring and summer goods and these shipments of merchandise have swollen the general number of parcels. The bulk of the shipments are coming from New York, Baltimore and Cincinnati.

The coal business shipments are also on the increase locally. An increase of freight business was also noticeable at the Fairmont freight warehouse of the Monongahela Railway. It is half again as strong as last month. The Pittsburgh car is stronger in shipments and the Waverly transfer at Waverly, N. J., which brings shipments from points along the New York, New Haven & Hartford, to Fairmont. Since the absorption tariff has gone into effect in the Fairmont section there has been a decided increase of business, among such firms as the Fairmont.

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REV. ROY MEYERS ASSAILS INFIDELS

Declares Their Only Interest in Bible Is Ridiculous

"The only interest infidels take in the Bible is to find discrepancies and to show that one writer contradicts the statement of another, and then to exclaim triumphantly, 'How can the Bible be the Word of God?'" declared the Rev. Roy J. Meyers last night at Grace Lutheran church. "But the Bible never contradicts its own statements. Men make it contradict," he added.

In speaking of the crucifixion of Christ, Mr. Meyers said: "Crucified—what a world of misery does this single word convey! Our blood runs cold when we see any one hurt in an accident and behold the blood streaming from him and hear his shrieks and groans. Now our dear Savior was nailed to the cross; spikes were driven through his hands and feet into the wood. What pains must He have endured! Since olden times the Passion Play has been performed in the village of Oberammergau in Bavaria. The strongest man who acts the part of Christ, we are told, is merely tied on the cross and his feet rest on a projecting piece of wood, but he cannot remain in this hanging position longer than twenty minutes without fainting. What then must have been the sufferings of our Lord hanging on the cross for six hours!"

"Our transgressions shall no longer be laid to our charge, because Christ has atoned for them with his holy precious blood. Let us thank our kind and merciful Savior, let us appropriate to ourselves what He did for us in His unbounded love, let us believe in Him with an honest heart, let us not sin willingly and thereby crucify Him anew, but strive to walk in His commandments, let us love Him, for He hath first loved us."

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SETTLEMENT OF BUILDING STRIKE SEEMS ASSURED

Carpenters' Union Ready to Accept Wage Reduction

STATEMENTS DIFFER

Contractors Claim They Are Turning Away Workers

That the Fairmont Carpenters' Union is willing to negotiate and will probably accept a wage reduction but is waiting for the Fairmont Builders' Exchange to make the first step toward a joint conference, was the statement this afternoon of Ernest B. Harden, financial secretary of the union.

"When the exchange planned to cut our wages February 1, we were sent no formal notification," declared Mr. Harden. "We did get one letter but it was an unsigned communication so, of course, we could pay no attention to it. In it we were told that our wages would be cut from the regular rate of \$1 an hour to a sliding scale of 80, 70 and 60 cents, according to the degree of the workman's skill."

"When February 1 came and our wages were cut, we had recourse only to the 'lock-out.' It was not and is not a 'strike'—it was never more than a 'lock-out.' We had to do something—we couldn't swallow having our wages cut without receiving even a notification of the matter."

"If we had been sent a formal announcement of the cut, we would have been willing to enter into a conference with the builders' exchange members, and would probably have accepted a cut in wages. I cannot say how much. Now we can do nothing until the builders take action. Our men, however, are not out of work, for they are working for union men. Of course, they don't have work all the time, but they have as much work as they would ordinarily have at this time of the year. The contractors are doing absolutely nothing."

Statements Contradictory. Quite at variance with these opinions were statements made this afternoon, by President W. A. Wiedebusch of the Fairmont Builders' Exchange, who maintained wholeheartedly the righteousness of the contractors' present position.

"We are not being tied up in the least by this strike," said Mr. Wiedebusch. "We are able to obtain first-class carpenters to do all the work we have for them, though, of course, there is not much building going on during late winter. When the building starts, though, we will be as able to care for our trade as now and will be able to get men to do all the work we require."

"It has been stated that all the men we are employing are receiving 80 cents, the high figure. This is a mistake, for it was plainly stated at the last meeting of the builders' exchange, that many carpenters are being employed at 60 cents an hour. I do not know if any are working for less than that."

"Not only are we able to get all the men we need at these wages but we have been forced to turn a number away who are seeking employment. A lot of carpenters called into conference have told us they needed work. I don't know if they were union men or not. At any rate we'll have all the men we need in any emergency."

"We're not judging the men except by his skill and his willingness to work—we don't ask him if he belongs to a union. I think we do have some union men working for us, though I am not certain of it. At least, we have some working, who did belong to the union."

"The carpenters had no reason for acting as they did and they are trying to escape blame on an ischicality. The notification sent them was signed only 'Fairmont Builders' Exchange,' and their claim now is that this was not sufficient. What more could be necessary than the name of the company?"

Asked to Attend Conference. "The union men were asked to come into a joint conference to discuss the new wage scale and refused. But they were mailed notification as was every union in the city which was connected with the builders' exchange in any way. The notifications were sent out a month and a half ahead of time—on December 12, to be exact. One notice was sent to the secretary of each union. The notice was sufficient, but, of course, there are always some men in every union too stubborn-headed to do anything."

"The builders have all the men they need. I don't know what the union men are doing. They have made no peace overtures to us, though, and so we haven't made any to them."

In referring to the condition of the "lock-out," as he termed it, Secretary Harden said:

"Our scale is \$1 an hour straight and those of our men who are employed are still working for that. The work on the Southern Methodist Church was allowed to go on at \$1 an hour, also. The exchange (Continued on Page Four)

All Ready for Style Show in High School Auditorium at 8 o'Clock This Evening

Business and Professional Girls' Club Presents Event

The Business and Professional Girls' Club style show, which has been exciting considerable comment during the last few weeks, will be given at 8 o'clock tonight and tomorrow night in the Fairmont high school auditorium. Last night the final rehearsal for the show was held and everything was declared in readiness for the final performance of what promises to be one of the feature events of the year.

Those who witnessed last year's show have been looking forward to this year's program with many pleasurable anticipations. Tickets have been on sale for some time and advance sales indicate that every seat in the large auditorium will be taken both nights.

The program as announced is to include all kinds of scenes and suitable gowns to match them. Well known women and girls in the city are taking part in the show, and the gowns and cloaks they are to wear have been fitted by experts. The dresses to be worn were loaned by local merchants.

A runway has been built from the stage, extending down the center of the auditorium. The runway is similar to those used in larger cities at big shows. The affairs are in charge of Miss Amy Riggie, of the high school. Miss Ruth Kelley heads the program committee.

An afternoon tea will be shown as one of the scenes, and in another play entitled "The First Assignment" will be presented. This latter number was produced under the direction of Miss Jean Billingslea and is expected to be one of the big drawing cards.

In the dance scene, some of Fairmont's prettiest girls will participate, wearing evening dresses of more than ordinary charm. The matron scene, in which mothers and grandmothers will take part, should prove interesting. In "The Review," another number, the audience will be given an opportunity to see gowns for all occasions at one time.

A special surprise scene, no details of which have yet got out of the program committee circle.

Those who will take part in the scene, "Vacation Days," are Mrs. George Kinsey, Miss Smith, Miss Hardis, Miss Blanche McAndrews, (Continued on page four.)

Morris Explains Filtration Plant

Clyde W. Morris, city water commissioner, gave an interesting talk before the Rotary Club at noon today. He clearly described the operating methods of Fairmont's present filtration plant, explaining its inadequacy to meet the demands of the 4,500 water consumers and the 329 fire hydrants, in the community, and the need for the new filtration plant which it is expected will be built here. Mr. Morris' remarks were cordially received and a large percentage of Rotarians expressed themselves substantially in favor of the \$150,000 bond issue proposed to finance the new civic enterprise.

M. L. Brown, chairman of the boys' work committee, put a proposition before the club members in behalf of the circus to be presented by young chaps of the Y. M. C. A. on March 30, 31 and April 1. The boys have planned their entertainment to raise funds for their summer camping trips, and the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club and other local organizations have been solicited for support. Several Rotarians pledged themselves to purchase tickets for the circus.

In the absence of President Hugh Carr, today's meeting was in the hands of Vice President Charles Robb.

Hustead Buried This Afternoon

Funeral services for Russell A. Hustead whose death took place at Denver, Colo., and whose body reached this city yesterday, were held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the Williams Memorial Church on Fairmont avenue. Services were conducted by the Rev. R. J. Yoak of Morris-Harvey College, a former pastor of the local church. A large number of relatives and friends were present for the services and a high tribute of respect was paid to the life and character of the young man. Following the services, the body was taken to Woodlawn Cemetery where it was buried by Undertaker Musgrave and Son, Fairmont.

Among relatives here for the funeral were the Messrs. Ray, Emmett and Riley Canfield of Elkus, brothers of Mrs. Hustead; Carl Hustead of Meadowbrook; Mrs. M. H. Broughton of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmus Boice of Morgantown.

100 Shriners Are Going to Dinner

One hundred acceptances to invitations have been received by Lee N. Satterfield, secretary of the Fairmont Shrine Club, for the banquet to be held at Masonic Temple on Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A very pleasing program will be rendered. O. Jay Fleming, Grafton, pianist of Oquirrh Temple, Wheeling, and members of his staff will attend.

To Post Wage Scale

CHARLESTON, March 16.—Posting of a wage scale in the Kanawha coal fields has been postponed until March 30 by resolution of the operators in session.

MINERS' STRIKE IN SOUTH AFRICA FINALLY ENDED

Order Completely Restored—6,000 Prisoners Are Held

BOLSHEVIKS BLAMED

Settlement Reached by South African Federation

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, March 15.—(By A. P.)—The strike of miners which has held South Africa in its grip for more than two months has been called off.

The decision was taken by the old South African Industrial Federation, as distinct from the federation's augmented executive. It announced, first, that the general strike was null and void; second, that the augmented executive would call off the mine strike, and, third, that complicity in the revolution against the government was repudiated by the federation.

Order has been completely restored. The police declare they have voluminous evidence showing that a Bolshevik plot was the cause of the revolution.

A government official declared that prisoners exceed 6,000 and that those among them responsible for outrages would be dealt with.

The railway men have resumed work.

MEETING ON BOND ISSUE POSTPONED

Supervisor of Rural Schools to Be Here Next Week

Postponement of a meeting which was to have been held last night at Eldora, Grant District to discuss the proposed bond issue for the consolidation of Grant District rural schools was made public today, though school officials assigned no reason for the action taken.

It was stated that another date is to be assigned to the meeting but it has not yet been decided upon. Joseph Rosier, president of the Fairmont Normal School, was to have been the speaker at the citizens' session and will probably be asked again to address the Grant District people, it was added.

Interest in the March 25 election, at which the bond question is to be decided, has revived by the announcement that J. D. Muldoon of Charleston supervisor of rural schools of West Virginia, is to speak in Grant District next week.

Mr. Muldoon is a prominent member of the state department of education and is well acquainted with problems facing school workers in this section of the state.

Following an address next Tuesday night at Sugar Grove, Paw Paw district, Mr. Muldoon will speak the following evening at Monongah and on Thursday night at Eldora. Meetings will begin at 7:30 o'clock in each instance.

While Mr. Muldoon's visit is not in the nature of a campaigning tour for the Grant district bond issue, he is now working on the standardization and improvement of schools in that vicinity and will undoubtedly touch on the subject in all of his addresses.

The consolidation plan as stated by its adherents is to eliminate several of the one-room schools in the district, replacing them by a six-room schoolhouse to be built at Eldora. Pupils are to be given transportation to and from their homes in automobiles and buses.

According to proponents of the plan, this arrangement would allow of a higher standard of efficiency and would cost the county less than the one-room schools. Only morning and evening trips of the buses would be necessary, it was stated. Hot lunches would be served at the school at noon.

A number of public meetings have been held in the district during the last few weeks for the discussion of the proposed plan. Adherents of the measure remain optimistic in their belief that when the question is submitted to the voters it will be passed by an overwhelming majority. Opponents of the bond issue are fighting it; it is declared, on economical grounds, believing that the first cost of the new building and its equipment would be too great a burden for the taxpayers at the present time.

Funeral Services for Phillips Held

Funeral services for J. C. Phillips, who was killed at the plant of the Ravensville Manufacturing Co., on Tuesday, were held this afternoon from the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. H. G. Stoetzer, pastor of the church, officiating. The funeral was largely attended and the services were impressive.

Following the services at the church, the body was taken to the Woodlawn Cemetery, where it was buried by Undertaker R. C. Jones. Members of the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Woodmen lodge attended the funeral in a body.

A selected quartet composed of Mrs. Louis Benedict, Mrs. Forrest Fankhauser and Messrs. R. H. Randall and S. H. Diemer sang, accompanied by Mrs. E. E. Church.

Presbyterians to Forego Pleasure For Entire Week

NEW YORK, March 16.—More than three million men, women and children, members of the Presbyterian Church in all parts of the United States will forego many of life's many pleasures for a week so that they may contribute the equivalent in money to church work. It was announced today. This is to occur from March 19 to 26 to be known as "self-denial week" and was suggested by Dr. Henry C. Swearingen, moderator.

The money donated as a result of the self-denial is to be given to the funds for missionary, educational and benevolent boards.

GRAFTON WINS OPENING GAME

Moundsville, Clendennin and Parkersburg Also Win

BUCKHANNON, March 16.—The first games in class A of the annual state basketball tournament at West Virginia Wesleyan College gymnasium here this afternoon resulted as follows:

Keyser 30; Grafton 25.
Moundsville 19; Sistersville 16.
Clendennin 27; Bristol 7.
Parkersburg 19; Salem 11.

Local Pastor Gets Doctor's Degree

The Rev. Roy J. Meyer, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church has been awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity (B. D.) by Lanier University Ga., it became known today.

Doctor Meyer enrolled as a student in the extension department of Lanier University School of Divinity last summer. In addition to the regular work that was required for the degree he wrote an exposition on the Book of Romans which has been filed in the library of the university.

Mr. Meyer who is the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church received his college training at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. In the year of 1917 he was graduated from the Susquehanna University School of Theology, Selinsgrove, Pa. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Wheeling, in October, 1917.

Italian Steamer Seized by Greeks

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 16.—The Greek torpedo boat Naxos, while patrolling the Black Sea with other units of the Greek fleet, seized the steamer Affica, flying the Italian flag off Ineboli.

The Affica was taken to Mudania, where after three hours, the passengers, including a Turkish sanitary corps, were declared prisoners of war.

Causes Strife in Rome. ROME, March 16.—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the news that Greek warships had stopped and searched the Italian steamships Umbria and Abazia, detaining the latter.

Thieves Enter Home of Thomas W. Fleming

Gaining entrance into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Fleming, on First street last night by throwing a brick through a window, thieves ransacked the house, but according to an announcement made by Mrs. Fleming today, they did not obtain anything.

Mrs. Fleming further stated that since their house had been entered about a year ago they did not keep any valuables around the house.

The robbery was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Fleming upon their return home last night at 10:30 o'clock. The police were called, and after an investigation was made and no clues found, bloodhounds owned by former Sheriff Glover were brought to the scene and trailed the thief or thieves to the railroad yards.

Railroaders working in the yards during the night told city policemen that three men had been seen in the yard at a late hour and one of them inquired what time they could catch a freight for Benwood.

The police wired the Cameron police department to have the train stopped and make a search for the suspected men at the place, but they were not found.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Pete Stremosky who was killed in an accident while employed by the Consumers Coal Co. at Downs, was held this morning at 11:30 o'clock from the Polish Catholic Church at Monaca and burial was made in the Polish cemetery by Undertakers Carpenter & Ford.

COAL STRIKE NOT EXPECTED TO HIT INDUSTRIES HARD

Stocks of Coal on Hand and Non-Union Mines Relied Upon

KANAWHA MEN MEETING

Government Not Expected to Take Action Before Crisis

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 16.—The threatened bituminous coal strike was regarded today at the Treasury as the only cloud on the business horizon. Steady improvement has been reported on general business conditions, treasury officials declared, which will continue although the prospect of a coal strike may have some depressing effect on business expansion. The strike should not seriously affect business generally unless it should be drawn out to unprecedented length, it was said at the treasury.

Stocks of coal on hand and the continued production of non-union bituminous mines, officials held here, should enable the public to continue its routine activities requiring consumption of coal.

In this connection high treasury officials expressed the opinion that the government would take no action in the event of a coal strike unless a hardship were worked upon the public. Such a hardship, the officials said, would not develop for some time after a strike was called and they expressed the opinion that action by the government looking to a restoration of the normal coal supply would not be taken until the situation became so serious that no other alternative was left.

It was indicated at the Treasury that the government was not considering any step to anticipate a coal strike nor believed there were any measures of an anticipatory measure possible.

Agree on Scale

CHARLESTON, March 16.—A meeting of the Kanawha Coal Operators' Association called for this morning to pass on recommendations of the directors as to a wage scale for the coming year, was adjourned until afternoon when it was announced the directors had not completed their report. Members said the major details of the scale to be recommended had been agreed upon but some details remained for consideration. When the membership of the association has determined the scale, it will be presented to the miners to be effective April 1. The plans also call for open shops and no check-off.

In the Kanawha fields, it was announced, the operators had maintained the union scale, while others were operating on reduced scales with open shops and no check-off. It was also stated that in the New River field, which is not included in the present meeting, 102 of the operators were running mines on the November 1st scale with the open shop and no check-off, while in the Logan field there were no union mines.

Federal Man Here in Charge of Work

C. A. Barnhart, United States naturalization examiner of the United States Department of Labor office at Pittsburgh, is in charge of the naturalization work being conducted here today. Forty three applications for naturalization were filed out prior to Examiner Barnhart's arrival here and his work this morning was in examining the applicants.

The men were put through a rigid examination and as he had so many nationalities to deal with and many of them did not bring the necessary papers with them, causing confusion and delays, the work of examining all the members of the class was not finished until 2:15.

Examiner Barnhart then took his class before Judge W. S. Meredith of the Marion County Circuit Court, who, after giving each individual member of the class a further examination, administered the oath of allegiance to all of the men who passed the required tests.

While the work was going forward rapidly at a late hour this afternoon, it was not concluded in time for publication today. The exact number of the men being admitted to citizenship will not be known until court adjourns today.

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Cheese Worms: It's a nice apartment, but it's entirely too expensive for me.